WHEREAS, Country music is a form of expression truly enjoyed by millions of Americans; and,

WHEREAS, Country music is a form which is truly American in its style and communicates the true American spirit; and,

WHEREAS, Country music is a true melting pot of many forms of American music featuring a direct and honest presentation; and,

WHEREAS, Country music has been a great source of historical discovery and has added much to the American culture; and,

WHEREAS, Members of the country music industry continue to bring joy and happiness to the hearts of all who love this style; and,

WHEREAS, The month of October has once again been recognized as International Country Music Month:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October as

COUNTRY MUSIC MONTH

in South Dakota, and call upon all South Dakotans to recognize the contributions of members of the country music industry to our society, and to continue in their support of the country music movement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 30th day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Five

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

Jean D. Johnson, Asst Secy